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1. SUMMARY: WE AND UK DELEGATION UNDERSTAND THAT
FRENCH MAY SUGGEST THAT NATO START CONSULTATION
IN MID-SEPTEMBER ON THE FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR A
EUROPEAN DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. UK PERMREP KILLICK
CONSIDERS THAT EUROPEAN DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE
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PROPOSAL REPRESENTS A DANGER FOR THE ALLIANCE AND
THAT CONSULTATIONS ON IT AT NATO WILL NEED TO BE
APPROACHED WITH GREAT CARE. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING UK PERMREP KILLICK'S CALL ON AMBASSADOR
BENNETT JULY 14 TO DELIVER PROPOSED LETTER ON UK
SUGGESTIONS REGARDING NATO CONSULTATION ON ARMS

CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT ISSUES (REFTEL), KILLICK RAISED FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR EUROPEAN DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. KILLICK STRESSED THAT UK DISLIKED THE FRENCH PROPOSAL, BUT UK DELEGATION HAD HEARD, AS WE HAD, THAT PARIS MAY SUGGEST (POSSIBLY DURING WEEK OF JULY 17) THAT NATO CONSULTATIONS ON THIS FRENCH PROPOSAL BEGIN THE SECOND WEEK IN SEPTEMBER.

3. KILLICK CONSIDERED THAT IT WOULD BE "EXTREMELY DANGEROUS" WERE THE SOVIETS TO PICK UP THE FRENCH PROPOSAL. HE STRESSED: "OUR HOPE IS THAT THE SOVIETS WILL REJECT IT". KILLICK SPECULATED THAT THE FRENCH HAD MADE THEIR PROPOSAL AT LEAST IN PART WITH VIEW TO SABOTAGING MBFR. HE ASSERTED THAT A CONFERENCE AT THE LEVEL OF 35 WITHOUT A CONCERTED ALLIANCE POSITION WOULD BE "HAZARDOUS".

4. KILLICK FORESAW NATO CONSULTATIONS ON THE FRENCH PROPOSAL AS A MOST DIFFICULT EXERCISE AND ONE REQUIRING A VERY CAREFUL APPROACH. HE THOUGHT THAT, BY PUTTING MANY QUESTIONS TO THE FRENCH, THE NATO CONSULTATIVE PROCESS MIGHT BE SPUN OUT SO THAT A FRENCH CALL FOR A "PREPARATORY CONFERENCE" WOULD HAVE TO BE PUT OFF UNTIL 1979. (COMMENT: A FRENCH DELEGATION OFFICER HERE HAS SPECULATED TO US THAT PARIS MIGHT WISH TO LIMIT NATO CONSULTATIONS
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TO 4 OR 5 WEEKS AND THEN CALL FOR A "PREPARATORY CONFERENCE". WHILE FRENCH OFFICER CAVEATED THIS AS A PURELY PERSONAL OBSERVATION, IT WOULD APPEAR TO REPRESENT A POSSIBLE OPTION FOR PARIS, PARTICULARLY IF NATO CONSULTATIONS PROVE UNDULY INHIBITORY FROM FRENCH POINT OF VIEW. FRENCH OFFICER WAS UNCERTAIN WHETHER NAC OR SPC WOULD BE PREFERRED VENUE FOR CONSULTATION. END COMMENT). BENNETT

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